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NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET COMPOSITION TRIUMPH FOR FASCISTS

SOUTH CHINA ALARMED BY NEW THREAT
JAPANESE ACTION FEARED.

RESULT OF FORMOSA CONFERENCE

(From Our Own Correspondent)
CANTON, TO-DAY.
SOME ANXIETY PREVAILS IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE OVER THE RESULTS OF THE TAIHOUKU CONFERENCE WHICH WAS CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FORMOSA AND PARTICIPATED IN BY THE JAPANESE CONSULS FROM HONG KONG, SWATOW, AMOY, FOOCHEW AND THE VICE-CONSUL FROM CANTON.

Mr. S. Kawagoe, Japanese Consul-General at Shantou, did not go to Formosa, but was represented by the Vice-Consul, Mr. T. Hattori, who brought a Japanese official from the Tokyo Foreign Office to Canton. The visiting official is trying to cultivate the friendship of Canton officials.

What measures the Formosa conference have adopted regarding South China are not revealed, but it is understood that Japan is planning to have a firmer foothold in Kwangtung. The Japanese Government seems to take the position that since Nanking is very friendly with Tokyo and has practically signed away the four North-western provinces by virtue of the Tangku armistice.

While the attitude of the high officials here is not known, an unconfirmed report stated that Mr. Yang Teh-chao, representative of the First Group Army in Nanking, has gone to Amoy to consult General Chiang Ting-wen, Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking troops in Fukien, with a view to taking joint action for the military defence of South China.

TRADE BALANCE IMPROVEMENT

Sharp U.S. Export Rise In June.

DECLINE IN IMPORTS

New York, To-day. A sharp improvement in the United States balance of trade is reported for June.

Exports for the month totalled U.S.\$170,584,000, while imports were valued at U.S.\$136,082,000. The totals for May were U.S.\$160,207,000 and U.S.\$154,647,000, respectively.

For the six months ended June 30, exports totalled U.S.\$1,036,262,000, as against U.S.\$669,329,000 for the corresponding period of last year.

Imports for the same period were U.S.\$683,330,000, as against U.S.\$592,092,000. The decline was mostly due to reduced sugar imports from the Philippines.

Other declines in imports were meats, fruits, vegetables, coffee, textiles, raw silk, undressed furs, hides and skins.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

SIAM ROYALTY AT PRAGUE.

Prague, To-day. Their Majesties, the King and Queen of Siam arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit and were greeted by the Prime Minister, M. J. Malypetr, and the Foreign Secretary Dr. Edward Benes.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN GIRL BITTEN

Mr. J. R. Way's terrier, which bit Miss Joan Eager, a little European girl, has been sent to Mataukok for observation.



DR. SCHUSCHNIGG CHANCELLOR DISAPPOINTMENT FOR PRINCE STARHEMBERG HEIMWEHR COUP RUMOURS

THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET IS INTERPRETED AS A TRIUMPH FOR THE HEIMWEHR (FASCISTS), DESPITE THE FACT THAT DR. KURT SCHUSCHNIGG, A MEMBER OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHANCELLOR.

Eight hours of spirited debate preceded the final formation of the Cabinet, holding the capital in an atmosphere of tense expectancy throughout last night. Prince Starhemberg, the Heimwehr leader, who aspired to the Chancellorship, had to be content with the post of Vice-Chancellor, but his defeat is tempered with the concurrent portfolio of Minister of Security which gives him virtual control of the gendarmerie and the auxiliary forces.

The Heimwehr group also hold the reins of the Foreign Ministry, while the Christian Socialists hold the Finance Ministry. The Home Bloc leader, Major Fey, is Minister of Interior.

Fighting in the provinces has almost ceased, but the Austro-German frontier has been completely closed following reports of fighting in Bavaria. Fears were rife in Vienna last night that the Heimwehr would attempt a coup, but up to the time of the election the city was quiet.

ATMOSPHERE ELECTRIC INSURRECTION CRUSHED.

Heimwehr "Putsch" Rumours.

Vienna, To-day. Apart from minor skirmishes in the vicinity of Salzburg, the Nazi insurrection has been crushed throughout Austria.

Salzburg itself is peaceful, and the first performance of the special musical festival in memory of Dr. Dörfuss passed quietly.

Meanwhile, the Austro-German frontier has again been completely closed following reports of fighting between the German Reichswehr and the Austrian Legionnaire, near Kufstein, on the Bavarian side of the frontier.

Vienna is in a state of excitement owing to fears of a new "putch" by the Heimwehr. Strong forces are guarding the public buildings.—Reuter.

CENTRAL SHANGHAI RAILWAY STATION

Plans Entailing \$800,000 Already Drawn Up.

\$20,000,000 FOR TWO BRIDGES

Shanghai, To-day.

Plans to build here a central railway station and a headquarters and administration office of the Shanghai-Nanking and the Shanghai-Hangchow—Nanking Railways at a cost of \$800,000 are reported to have been drawn up by the Ministry of Railways.

The Chekiang Provincial authorities are arranging with bankers for \$20,000,000 for the construction of two bridges to span the Chientang and Tsao Rivers.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Questionnaire To 400 U.S. Industrialists.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received July 30, 8.37 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.

The United States Department of Commerce Business Advisory Planning Council has issued a questionnaire to 400 of the leading American industrialists asking for opinions on unemployment insurance, apparently in connection with the forthcoming legislation.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

Morgenthau Returns To Desk After His Month's Vacation

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

Washington, To-day.

The United States Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, returns to the desk to-day after a month's vacation.

It is believed that he will shortly

take up:

Firstly, new moves in the silver purchase plan.

Secondly, the promotion of increased business activity after Labour Day, following the summer slump.

Thirdly, the re-funding at lower interest of U.S.\$525,748,500 worth of 1½ per cent. Treasury certificates, maturing on September 9, and U.S.\$1,200,000,000 worth of Fourth Liberty Bonds maturing on October 16.

Fourthly, the strengthening of the

Government forces for combating the fresh threat of liquor smuggling.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

Fifthly, the promotion of increased business activity after Labour Day, following the summer

slump.

The local rainfall recorded at the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended 10.30 a.m. to-day was 4.23 inches, bringing the total since January 1 to 68.25 inches, as compared with a normal average of 52.61 inches.

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Dr. Schuschnigg is a church adherent and moderate, and is less popular in Opposition circles.—Reuter.



The momentous meeting of two of the most powerful dictators in the world, Chancellor Hitler, of Germany, and the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini, at the airport at Venice, Italy, last month.

"INCOMPATIBLE RELATIONS" MRS. DALI'S CASE

Husband Not Contesting Suit Of U. S. President's Daughter

Reno, Nevada, To-day.

Mrs. Curtis Dall, daughter of President Roosevelt, is filing a suit for divorce based on "incompatible relations."

It is indicated that Mrs. Dall's husband will not contest the suit.—Reuter.

MUNITIONS FOR BOLIVIA

Contracted Before Embargo.

CORDELL HULL'S RULING

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

Millions of dollars worth of American munitions have been released to Bolivia as the result of the ruling of the American Secretary of State, Mr. William Cordell Hull, that munitions contracted for prior to the embargo can be shipped. It is emphasised, however, that further exemptions will not be made.

Mr. Hull refused to exempt U.S.\$2,965,000 worth of aeroplanes and parts and munitions which the contract dates were vague.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

CHINESE GUNBOAT ANSWERS S.O.S.

Steamer Grounds Off Fukien Coast.

PASSENGERS AND CREW SAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese steamer, Chunhua, grounded on Saturday on the rocks off the Fukien coast 100 miles from Foochow, due to poor visibility.

The passengers and crew are safe, but the cargo is feared a total loss.

The Chinese gunboat, Kianguan, rushed to the scene on receipt of an S. O. S. Reuter.

MAY ROAD LANDSLIDE YESTERDAY

Traffic Completely Blocked.

DEBRIS NOW CLEARED AWAY

A large landslide, completely blocking May Road, occurred at 5 p.m. yesterday, near the junction of May Road and Magazine Gap Road.

Public Works Department coolies were put to work immediately clearing away the debris, and a passage through May Road is now possible, according to a report received from Mr. H. Pegg, Executive Engineer, Roads Department.

Other minor slides are reported on the Island. As a result of a slide yesterday afternoon Linke Road, above St. Margaret's Church, was partially blocked, although there was no serious hindrance to traffic.

A retaining wall at the rear of No. 41, Kennedy Road collapsed yesterday afternoon, following a heavy downpour, but no serious damage has been reported.

28 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS SUED IN U.S.

Federal Government Seek \$1,129,533,000.

FEDERAL FARM BOARD SEQUEL

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received July 30, 12.45 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

The Federal Government has sued to recover U.S. \$1,129,533,000 damages from 28 firms and individuals formerly connected with the defunct Federal Farm Board on the ground that the defendants made U. S. \$451,814,000 profits via wholesale fraud, embezzlement, conspiracy, padding of contracts, cross-trading and duplicating of sales and purchase orders which were concealed from income taxes in 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

With interest of U.S.\$112,942,500, this makes a total of U.S.\$564,766,500, on which the Government is seeking double indemnity.

The defendants include the American Cotton Co-operative Association, the Cotton Stabilisation Corporation, the Grain Stabilisation Corporation and the Continental Export Company.—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

HUANG FU NOT TO RESIGN.

Leaving For Peking.

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Huang Fu, Chairman of the Peking Political Council, has withdrawn his resignation and will leave for Peking soon, according to Mr. Wang Kee-min, chief of the Finance Department of the Peking Political Affairs Readjustment Committee in an interview with Chinese pressmen.—Reuter.

U. S. COTTON YIELD BELOW BANKHEAD BILL MAXIMUM

New York, To-day.

Private cotton authorities estimate that the forthcoming Government crop report will show a probable yield of nearly 1,000,000 bales below the Bankhead Bill maximum.

—United Press, per S. E. Levy and Company.

MAIL SCHEDULES

INWARD MAIRS.

FROM EUROPE July

Mentor (Air Mail ex Imperial Airways Service) ... 20
 Cremer (Air Mail ex Amsterdam) ... 31
 Somali Aug. 6

FROM JAPAN July

Nellore 30
 Empress of Asia Aug. 1
 Pres. Hoover 2
 Tilawa 2
 Yasukuni Maru 2
 Pres. Garfield 3
 Hawaii Maru 4
 Melbourne Maru 5

FROM AMERICA & CANADA

Empress of Asia Aug. 1
 Pres. Hoover 2
 Pres. Garfield 3

FROM MANILA July

Pres. Cleveland 30
 Tanda Aug. 4

FROM SHANGHAI July

Sinkiang 30
 Agapenor 31
 Chenonceaux 31
 Patroclus 31
 Tantalus 31
 Empress of Asia Aug. 1
 Pres. Hoover 2
 Yasukuni Maru 3

FROM STRAITS July

Suisang 30
 Mentor 31
 Conte Verde Aug. 2
 Ajax 3
 Pushimi Maru 4

FROM AUSTRALIA

Tanda Aug. 4

OUTWARD MAIRS.

FOR EUROPE

Bokuyo Maru (via Siberia) ... July 30
 Chononcau (Marseilles Air Mail Service) 31
 Closes: Reg. 2.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
 Pres. Cleveland 31

FOR JAPAN July

Bokuyo Maru 30
 Pres. Cleveland 31

FOR MANILA July

General Lee 29
 Empress of Asia Aug. 2
 FOR AMERICA AND CANADA July

Bokuyo Maru 30
 Pres. Cleveland 31

FOR SHANGHAI July

Pres. Cleveland 31
 Conte Verde Aug. 2

FOR STRAITS & INDIA July

Patroclus Aug. 1
 Yasukuni Maru 3

FOR AUSTRALIA

July

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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EARRING ON TOP OF EARS NOW

Paris. THE latest and craziest way to wear earrings is on the top of your ears.

Some of the Famous Forty are wearing gold mercury wings clamped along the top of their ears and pointing toward the back like Pan's ears.

The Woman's Page

Plastic Line Is New Style Idea

Loosened Coats Latest Hints.

SIMPLE SLEEVES

Paris. Lyolene has thrown her bat in the ring for plastic lines. Says she: "The movement of coats and dresses follows the natural plastic line of the figure falling from the knees with a decided fullness. Sleeves for the most part are simple and inclined to width in coats. Short loose jackets and long coats are shown with suits and ensembles. Classic simplicity in design and outline, throughout my collection."

Something new behind the door marked "Plaids" is a plaid aspect featured for coat linings and blouses. Wool tweeds are "in" for day and sport clothes; plaid and checked surah silk for blouses and dresses. Jerseys, chez Madame Lyolene are for sport and afternoon, in black and colours, and a new material in light shades, is of a linen and wool mixture and used for sport dresses of the simpler type.

Classic Examples

The classic examples of her ideas is a black striped jersey dress with three distinct changes of collars, cuffs and vest of white silk, grosgrain and linen. Another, a deep rose twin costume with a short circular cape that is adaptable as well for use as a peplum. This same dress is complete without either cape or peplum and with the addition of a large collar and deep cuffs of natural coloured line.

FOR SHANGHAI July

Bokuyo Maru 30
 Pres. Cleveland 31

COLOURED CURTAINS

Net curtains tinted in pastel shades are becoming increasingly popular, but unfortunately they show the dirt and become dusty in appearance even more quickly than white ones. They need not, however, be washed continually, as they invariably become a little paler each time they are washed.

A bath in warm bran, which means little trouble, will quickly banish the dusty appearance and will not harm the most delicate net or lace. Rub the curtains gently but thoroughly in the bran and then leave them out of doors in the wind to remove all the bran.



Treatment For Brittle Hair The Oil Shampoo

For invigorating the scalp, and fingers and draw them together again as though trying to pick up a portion of the scalp. Continue the massage and "plucking" movements for twenty minutes.

Use a liquid shampoo. A good one can be made by cutting fine shavings from a bar of Castle soap, dissolving them in hot water, and straining through muslin. A coconut oil shampoo is also very good as it provides an abundance of lather.

Falling hair is often caused by dryness of the scalp, and the oil shampoo is one of the best ways of stopping this. It may have to be taken once a week, for a month or two, but the hair usually shows a wonderful improvement after the second shampoo and massage.

The Massage

When the oil is warm, remove the towel from the head and keeping the basin still in the hot water, dip the finger-tips into the oil and rub this into the scalp to make it thoroughly greasy. Then working in small circles, massage well, beginning at the forehead and extending down the back of the head to the neck. Now open out the

LACQUERED BRASS TREATMENT

Acid In Metal Polish To Be Avoided.

Lacquered brass should never be polished with metal-polish, as the acid contains is likely to destroy the lacquer. Wash the brass with soapy water, then rub it well with a dry chamois leather. Treated in this way lacquered brass will retain its brightness for years. Chased and wrought brass also should not be cleaned with polish or powder, as it is difficult to remove the polish from the crevices once it has been used. The articles should first be washed in hot, soapy water, and dried. Then they should be rubbed with half of a freshly cut lemon, and washed in hot water again. When thoroughly dried, polish with a chamois leather. Indian brass may also be cleaned in this way.

Brass will not tarnish if it is treated in the following manner. Dissolve half an ounce of shellac in half a pint of methylated spirits by leaving the solution in a tightly corked bottle or jar until the next day. Then pour off the clear liquid. Heat the brass slightly, and paint the solution over evenly with a camel-hair brush.

DETACHABLE BUTTONS FOR THE CHILDREN

Avoids Continual Work.

The buttons on children's school blouses and pyjamas are always coming back from the laundry broken, thus causing continual work and expense. It is a good plan to make the buttons on children's garments detachable, in the following manner. If linen buttons are required, sew two buttons firmly together, one a little smaller than the other. Pass the smaller button through a button-hole which has been substituted for the original button, and a detachable economical link will be obtained. Different combinations of buttons can be made as desired, but the button at the back should always be larger than the front and preferably of linen. Many children's garments can be treated in this way, and the time taken in making the button-hole will be amply repaid later.

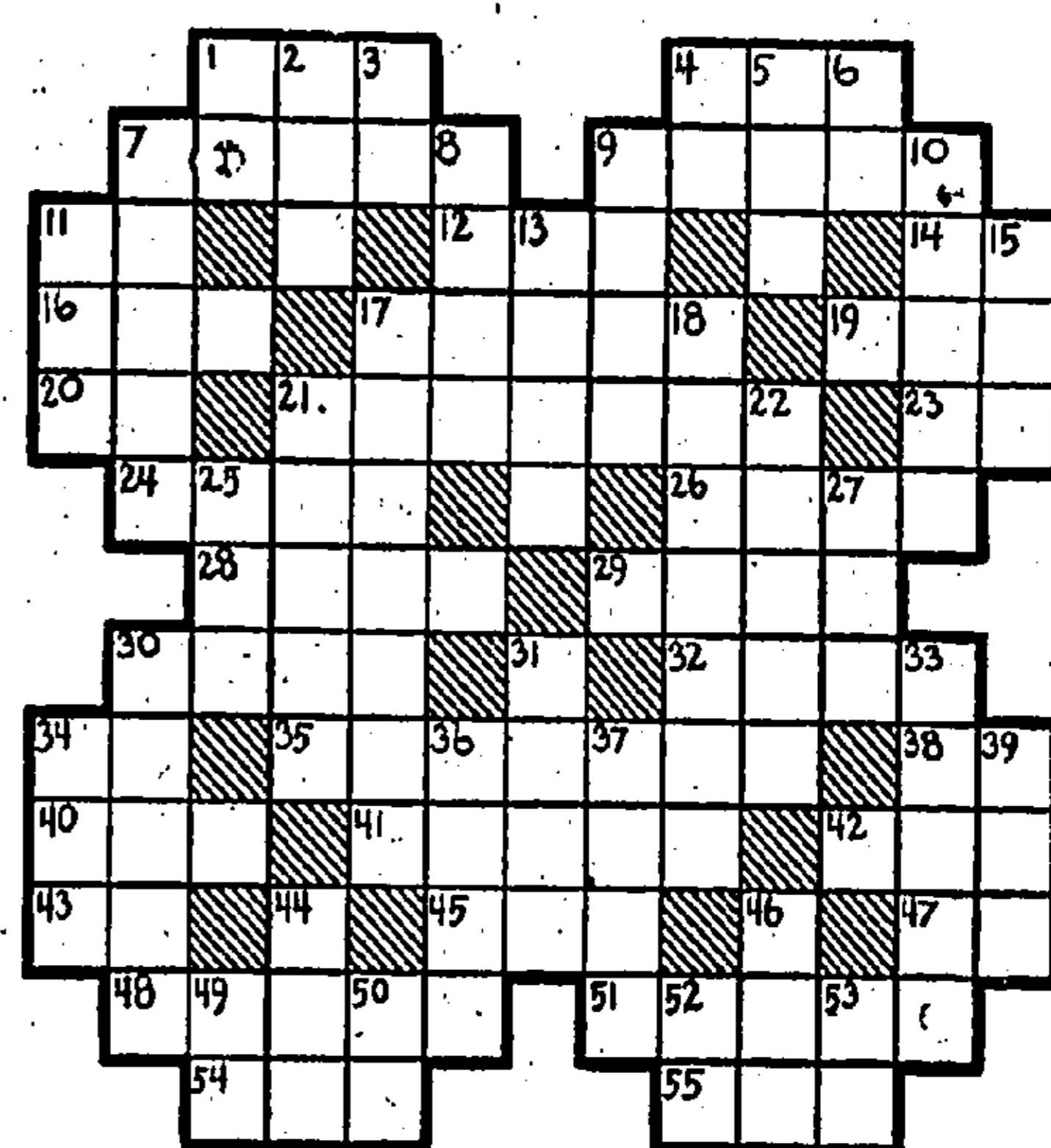


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL		HORIZONTAL (Cont.)		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-Shanty	35-Indefinite article	10-Shares			
4-An insect	40-Obtain	11-Dog's foot			
7-A wading bird	41-Distributed	13-Chinese vegetable			
9-One of the lower animals	42-Time of life	15-High (Mus.)			
11-Father (Short)	43-Conjunction	17-Permitted			
12-Raw meat	45-Epoch	21-Having ears			
14-Egyptian sun-god	47-A military officer (abbr.)	22-Cook in the oven			
16-Bufo	48-Titled	23-Combining form.			
17-Pertaining to Asia	51-Mother-of-pearl (Fr.)	27-Streets (abbr.)			
19-Comrade	54-Mineral spring	30-Part of a boat			
20-You and I	55-Joined	31-River in the Tyrol and Bavaria			
21-One who elects	1-Pronoun	33-Bird of prey			
23-A liquid measure (abbr.)	2-Vase with a foot	34-Past			
24-Fur-bearing animal	3-Preposition	36-Want			
26-Master	29-Narrow strip of wood	37-Ardor			
28-A bird	30-Bolt slowly	39-Snare			
29-Narrow strip of wood	32-Feminine suffix (Fr.)	44-Mischiefous child			
30-Bolt slowly	36-Plural suffix	46-High playing card			
32-Feminine suffix (Fr.)	7-Abode of evil spirits	49-Because			
34-Near by	8-Part of the face	50-Each (abbr.)			
35-Most compact	9-Strike	52-Part of verb 'be'			
		53-Right (abbr.)			

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.

TILING HARMONY IN ROOM

How To Make Change.

It sometimes happens that the tiles of a bedroom or sitting-room fire-place do not harmonise with the colour scheme of the room. Where gas fires are fitted, or where the grate is seldom used, the tiles may be treated with quick-drying cellulose enamel of any suitable shade. In rooms where coal fires are used good effects may be obtained by fitting thin sheets of copper over the tiles. The surface should not be polished, but given a dull finish, which blends well with almost any colour scheme.

FASHIONS IN GLOVES

London. Gloves bear the wearer's initials on the back; a smart pair seen recently was of black suede piped with silver and with large silver initials sprawled across the back. Taffeta gloves have lastex palms and look very distinguished.

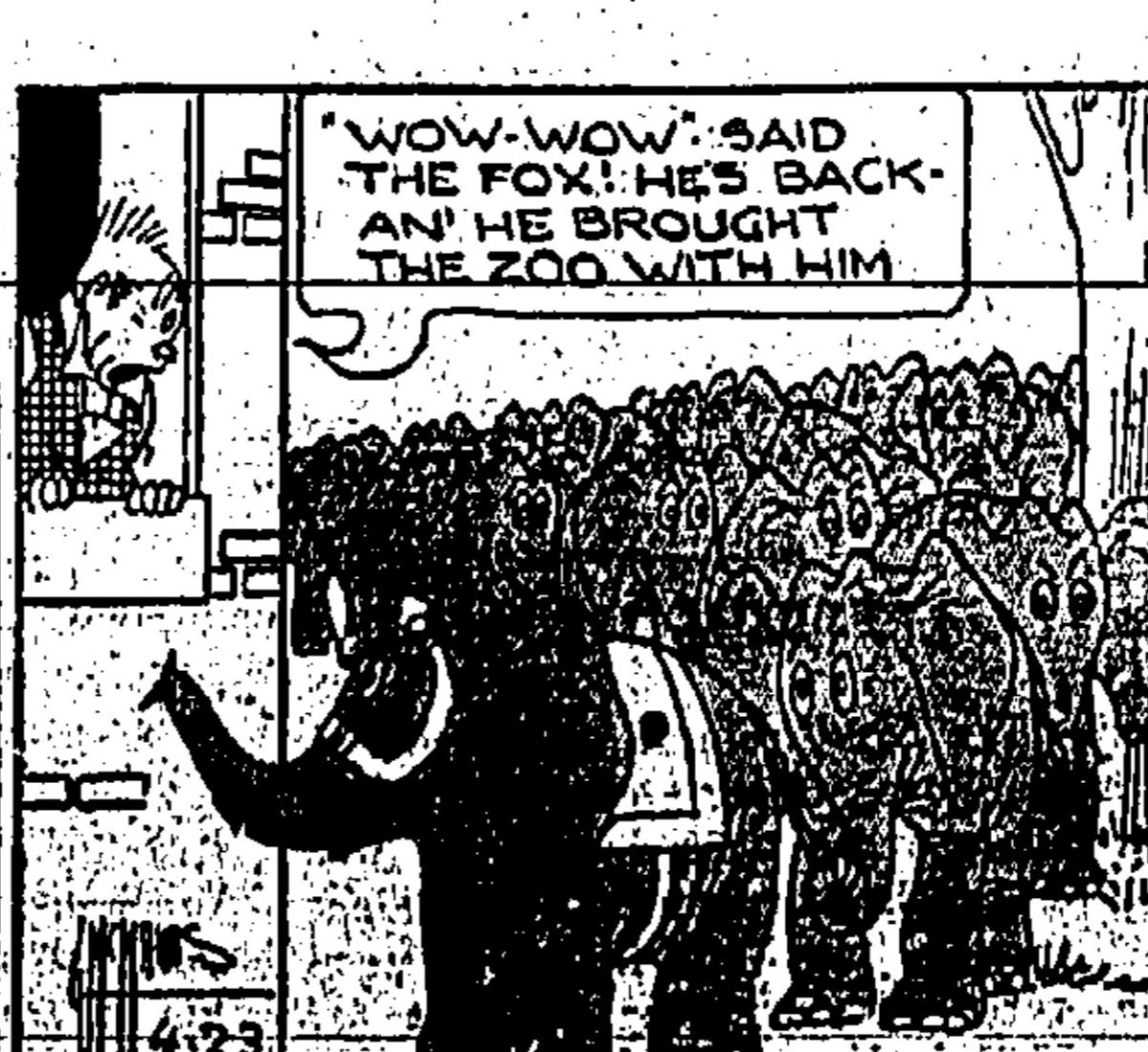
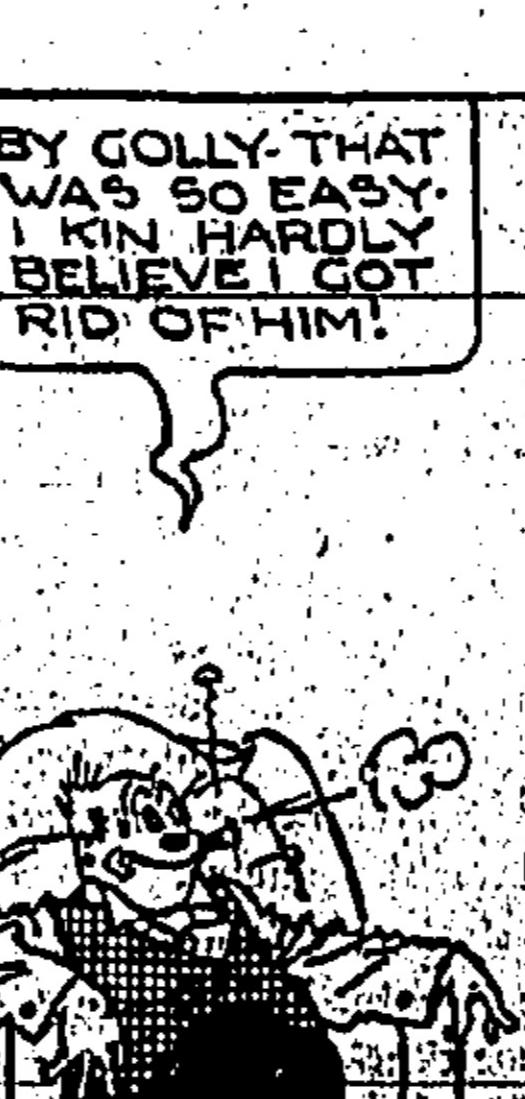
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BRIDGE NOTES**PRECARIOUS CONTRACTS.**

by Ely Culbertson.

No player is particularly pleased when he must play a hand at five of a major suit. While this contract is often reached by entirely correct bidding in which a Slam is made and refused, the Declarer who is faced with the necessity of taking eleven tricks when her tricks would have been sufficient to secure game is always fearful that some particularly unfavourable distribution will defeat his contract one trick, whereas a game could have been made had the bidding stopped at the safe level of four. Even though the bidding was unexceptionable, the Declarer usually regrets the one extra trick of the contract.

Today's hand, which was played by Mr. George T. Spillman of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a Duplicate game, in spite of the precarious contract and very good defence, resulted in Declarer's tying for top-score on the board.

West, Dealer.

North and South vulnerable

North—

S-7
H-A Q J 10 9 8 2
D-7 6
C-A 4 3

West—

S-A Q J 10 3
H-8 7 3
D-8 3 2
C-7 6

East—

S-6 4 2
H-5
D-Q J 10 5
C-K Q 10 8 2

South—

S-K 9 8 5
H-K 4
D-A K 9 4
C-J 9 5

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

North East South West
Pass 1H 2C 2D 2S
4H Pass 5H (1) Pass
Pass (2) Pass

1.—After North's jump to four hearts, South, with three honour-tricks including the King of his partner's suit, cannot be severely criticised for trying for a Slam.

2.—Mr. Spillman quite properly decides not to heed his partner's Slam try, respecting the fact that both opponents have entered the bidding.

East's opening lead was the spade 6. West won with the spade Ten and returned the seven of clubs, which the declarer quite properly ducked, East winning with the Queen. Another spade was returned and ruffed by North.

The trumps were then all played out, the Ace, King and nine of diamonds being carefully retained in Dummy, and the last trump lead squeezed East, who gave up his last guard to the club King. Mr. Spillman now played out his Ace of clubs, dropping the King, and won the last three tricks with the four of clubs and the Ace of diamonds.

A diamond opening, and a diamond return after West wins with the spade Ace, is the only defense that can defeat five hearts, but East's opening cannot be criticised. According to Mr. Spillman, he merely obtained a four-way tie for top on the board since three other players playing the hand at four hearts received an opening lead the club King, which enabled the declarer to make five quite easily.

EFFICIENT TEST FOR DRUNKS.**Canadian Inventor's Claim.**

Toronto.

An invention for testing suspected "drunks," which is claimed by its inventor to be more efficient than the established methods has been perfected here.

The inventor, Mr. Henry McCardie, says that whisky and other intoxicants contain hydrogen, and therefore the breath of anyone who drinks them is short of oxygen.

The device has a specially treated glass rod on which the suspected is invited to breathe. The needle of the meter then registers his precise degree of drunkenness.—Reuter.



Divorce is making rapid revisions in the Roosevelt family gatherings. Two of the members of this group, photographed at Hyde Park, N.Y., at the Christmas, 1932, are no longer members of the Presidential circle, and this is the last family group photo in which Mr. Curtis Dall and Mrs. Elizabeth Donner Roosevelt appear, although the latter is still received at the White House, where the second Mrs. Elliot Roosevelt hasn't yet been a visitor. In the group are: Back row—(l. to r.) James, Elliot, Franklin, Jr., the ex-Mrs. Elliot, Curtis Dall, John. Below—The President's wife, Mrs. James, the President, his mother, and Mrs. Dall. The fourth generation is represented by James' son, held in his mother's lap.

GENERAL NOTICES**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Interim Dividend of 43 per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the HALF YEAR ending 30th June, 1934, at the rate of 1/5 3/4 per Dollar.

THE DIVIDEND will be payable on and after MONDAY, 18th August, 1934, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, 30th July to SATURDAY, 11th August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 11th July, 1934.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1.15 p.m.—A Ray of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.

Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

"Z.E.K." Programme To-night.

5-6 p.m.—European Programme.

5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Band of the 1st Battalion: S.W.B., conducted by Bandmaster C. Eldcott, from the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, by kind permission of Lieutenant Colonel, A. E. Edwards D.S.O., M.C., B.Sc.

6-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations. London & New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.

7.08-7.33 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Vocal Gems—

Rose Marie (Friml)

No, No Nanette (Younmans)

Light Opera Company.

Selection—

Words and Music (Coward)

New May Fair Orchestra.

Vocal Gems—

Helen (Offenbach)

Columbia Light Opera Co.

7.33-7.50 p.m.—Till Eulenspiegel Lustige Streiche, Op. 28 (Richard Strauss)

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Fritz Busch.

7.50-8 p.m.—Light Instrumental.

Waltz—Hawaiian Smiles

Hawaiian Guitars.

Give me Liberty, or Give me Love ("Broadway Singer")

Melody in Spring ("Melody in Spring")

The Four Bright Sparks

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock & Commodity Quotations.

10.40 p.m.—Close Down.

8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 840 k.c.s.

8.30-8.57 p.m.—Light Opera.

Selection—Gipsy Love (Lehar)

De Groot and his Orchestra.

Vocal Gems—

Floradora (Stuart)

Light Opera Co.

Selection—

The Waltz Dream (Oscar Straus)

De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.

Vocal Gems—

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8.57-9.25 p.m.—Band Music.

Marche Militaire (Schubert)

Villanelle (arr. Winterbottom)

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards

Rienzi—Overture (Wagner)

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9.25-9.43 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Memories of Johann Strauss (arr. Willoughby)

My Sweetheart when a boy (arr. Willoughby)

Silver Threads among the Gold (Danks)

Scene de Ballet (de Bériot, arr. Scar)

9.43-10 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Roses of the South (J. Strauss)

Bruno Walter conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orch.

Blue Danube (J. Strauss)

Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss)

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, directed by Leopold Stokowski.

10 p.m.—Close Down.

"JIMMY AND SALLY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

James Dunn, whose many successes have made him the idol of the screen, and Claire Trevor, who is rapidly gaining an equally important position in the hearts of the men, are partners in the new Fox Film romance "Jimmy and Sally," now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The picture is about two youngsters, living in an apartment house, whose financial positions prevent them from being married, and whose marriage postponements form the plot of the story.

Harvey Stephens, Lya Lys, Jed Prouty, Gloria Roy, Alma Lloyd and John Arledge are in the supporting cast.

"A BEDTIME STORY"—ORIENTAL THEATRE.

Maurice Chevalier, debonair French actor, is starred in the comedy, "A Bedtime Story," now showing at the Oriental Theatre.

Chevalier is the same Paris playboy, carefree and irresponsible, who, accompanied by his entire menage, goes to the house of his fiancee for a week-end. The events that follow lose him his fiancee, put him in a jam with another woman, but ultimately bring matters to a whimsical conclusion.

Supporting the French actor are: Helen Twelvetrees, Edward Everett Horton, Adrienne Ames, and Baby Leroy, the Los Angeles youngster who won the role in competition with several thousand other youngsters of his own age.

STUDENTS SAVE ON ROULETTE.**Amusements****Cinema Notes</b**

Sporting Page

PERRY'S BATTLE-ROYAL WITH MENZEL RESULTS IN NARROW WIN

CYCLING CLUB MUDLARKS

Sha-Tau-Kok In Spite Of Rain.

OBJECTIVE REACHED AFTER THIRD TRIAL

The week-end run of the Hong Kong Cycling Club was carried out as scheduled yesterday, despite heavy rain which fell without cessation throughout the whole trip to Sha-tau-kok and back. This was the third time the Club had scheduled to reach Sha-tau-kok, but on each previous trip misfortune befell the riders, with the result that it was not until this attempt that the border town was reached.

Surprisingly, in face of the evident bad weather to follow, a stronger muster than usual turned up at the Yaumati Ferry by 9.30 a.m., when J. A. Anning led the party via Shatin to Tai-po against a strong wind, and with heavy downpours endeavouring to check the enthusiasm of the hardriders.

At the latter place a short halt was made, but 11.30 a.m. found the riders in their saddles again and on the way to Fanling. The last 6½ miles stretch to Sha-tau-kok was full into the teeth of the wind, with the result that the party was little straggled when the town was reached.

Explorations of Sha-tau-kok had to be curtailed by reason of both weather and the curiosity of the Chinese soldiers.

Happy Interlude

Though the rain continued the party enjoyed a "bright interval" through the hospitality of the St. John Ambulance Brigade nurses at the roadside dressing station.

The shelter and refreshments provided were greatly appreciated, and it was a merry collection of riders which commenced the return trip at 2.30 p.m.

The expected assistance from the wind on the return journey failed to materialise, for, during the time spent at Sha-tau-kok, the direction had changed and head wind had again to be fought. Fanling was reached at 3 p.m. and Tai-po 20 minutes later. However, a moderate pace over the remaining miles brought the last cyclists into Sham-shui-poo at 5.30 p.m.

One new member put in an appearance on the above run and acquitted himself very well; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. G. Crawford also utilised this opportunity of enjoying his first Club-run since his (Continued at Foot of Next Col.) cent operation for appendicitis.

Next Week's Run

Next week, under the vice-captain, E. Munis, the Club will visit Castle Peak Bay after a tour from Tsuen-wan to the Shing Mun Valley. Starting time will be 9.15 a.m. from the Kowloon Pier of the Yaumati Vehicular Ferry, and all cyclists are extended a cordial welcome. Bathing kit and refreshments should be carried.

Probably the only machine of its class in the Far East, a Saxon, was received from England last week and made its initial appearance on Sunday's run. The difficulties of the route and weather were made light of by the fitting of a Cyclopedeal 3-speed gear which is very popular with road racing schools in Europe.

A dynamic lighting set obviates illumination problems, whilst a further improvement is the fitting of hub brakes. The cost of such a machine direct from the makers, we are informed, is \$200.00 (plus freightage), and the Hong Kong Cycling Club would be pleased to give further information of this and any other similar machine manufactured in England.

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H.H. the Maharajah of Rajpipla, one of India's native kings, leads in his "Windsor Lnd," Jack Smirke up, after the horse had won the Derby classic at Epsom Downs.

AUSTRALIAN RECEIPTS FROM TEST MATCHES

NEW ARRANGEMENT IN VIEW.

DEFINITE RATIO NOW PROPOSED

(By TOM CLARKE)

London, June 29.

A novel financial problem has been raised in connection with the visit of the Australian Test cricketers.

The gate receipts at all matches are shared with the Australians on a fifty-fifty basis.

Members of county clubs, of course, pay no gate money, so there is nothing to halve. It has been found in several places that there has been a surprising and sudden access of county club members shortly before the arrival of the Australians to play a match.

Figures Compared

In consequence of this, the figures of membership, as compared with last year, are now being taken systematically at each ground where the Australians play.

At the end of the tour the results are to be examined with a view to proposals being made for a new arrangement for future series.

At places like the Oval and Nottingham, membership of the club not only confers certain privileges, but may also mean a smaller outlay than would be required to secure good seats for a Test match.

A New System

In Australia, the ratio of club members to the number of spectators is considerably lower than in England.

It is probable that a definite ratio will be proposed when the England and Australian authorities discuss the results of the investigations now taking place.

The problem arises mostly in the case of Test matches at big centres, but at some of the smaller country grounds there have been as many as 2,000 members out of a total gate of about 5,000.

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BRITISH GOLF IMPROVING SAYS GENE SARAZEN



Maxie Baer, world champion prize-fighter, movie star, radio and night club entertainer, etc., made up his mind he wanted to be a heart-breaker and he is. He admitted it in interview with Marie-Louise Van Slyke, to whom he is shown explaining and demonstrating his technique below. He is also shown in some of his other favourite and popular roles—as fighter, vaudeville entertainer, actor and bon-vivant.

HIGHEST STANDARD FOR MANY YEARS LOCAL COMPETITIONS NEEDED AMERICANS' PUTTING SKILL

(By J. C. PIGNON)

London, June 28. A championship links at Sandwich, the world's greatest golfers can be seen playing for the British Open title and the highest fame the game can offer.

The question British golfers are hoping will be favourably answered to-day is, "Will Britain regain the title?" There appears to be justification for optimism. The Americans have not dominated the early proceedings as in recent years. The reason is not that the American professionals have failed to live up to their reputations, but that British golf has improved.

I had an interesting conversation with Gene Sarazen, the American, who has won the British and the United States titles and is regarded as one of the soundest and most level-headed judges of golf.

He is approaching the age when professionals displayed his say a professional golfer is past his best. He is only thirty-two, but says if a man does not win titles before he is thirty he has little chance afterwards.

"They'll Win Soon" Sarazen is convinced there are many brilliant golfers under thirty in this country. "I have watched some of these young men swinging the club at Sandwich," he said, "and believe me there are many fine golfers among them. They may not win the time but they will soon."

"There is no doubt that the standard of golf in Britain today is higher than for years. That is why America will find it harder to win this open championship than for a long time."

If support were needed for Sarazen's opinion the scores in the qualifying competition supply it. Only those who could equal or beat the standard scratch scores of the Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St. George's links passed the qualifying test.

That standard is as dead as an average of fours. They accounted for the eclipse of British golf, but we are at the beginning of a new era of success.

We are putting aside the worn-out slogans which brought disaster. How rarely to-day do we hear that silly old slogan that "length does not matter!"

District Competitions

How to encourage young players who are potential champions is the next question. Here Sarazen again offers helpful suggestions.

He considers that if we had district qualifying competitions for the championships, as in the United States, we should discover many more good golfers.

"We should not have discovered half a dozen champions I could name," said Sarazen, "but for the qualifying competitions."

They were hidden away in California or other distant places and not likely to make long journeys to some central place where the championship is held, because it would cost too much.

Finding Talent

But they can afford to play in a local qualifying competition and if they get a place in the open championship, they have begun a tournament career. We have discovered more of our big golfers in district qualifying competitions than anywhere else.

There is much to be said for this. Our country is not the size of the American continent, but it is just as impossible for a young professional to make the journey between Ireland or the North of Scotland and the South of England as for a player in similar circumstances to make the journey from Florida to New York for the chance of qualifying.

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China Mail Sports Diary

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Lawn Bowls—Pairs Championships—W. K. Way and A. S. Gomes v. A. Chapman and J. Fraser (Recreo green, 5 p.m.)

Singles Championships—A. O. Brown v. T. F. Stainton (P.R.C. green)

J. K. Sloan v. T. Armstrong (C.C.C. green, 6.15 p.m.)

TO-MORROW

Lawn Bowls—Pairs Championships—F. J. Jones and A. W. Grinnell v. B. W. Bradbury and U. M. Omar (P.R.C. green, 5 p.m.)

Meetings—Hong Kong Hockey Association Annual Meeting (St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.)

Wednesday—Aug. 1 Football—Entries close for local Leagues

MAX BAER NOT AT ALL WORRIED

Will Deny Everything In
Breach Of Promise Case

INCOME TAX OFFICIALS ON HIS TRACK

"My mother's my only sweet heart," said Max Baer, the new world's heavy-weight champion, when questioned about Shirley La Belle's action for breach of promise. "She, I know, won't sue me."

"Anyway, I am not worrying about the \$10,000 heart balm for which she is reported to have asked. If ever she takes the case to the Supreme Court, I'll deny everything."

The Californian film star is also alleged to be in arrears with his income-tax.

The representatives of the Federal Government have taken steps to see that they are paid what is owing before the plaintiff in the love suit—and Baer only got \$5000 as his share of the fight.

But even that does not damp the spirit of the happy-go-lucky film star. He is the same cheerful person that boasted he would knock Carnera upside down.

Baer has received offers for fights all over the country as a result of his smashing win. One of these is from the Chicago World Fair, who have asked him to give two exhibitions a day in a theatre at the exposition grounds.

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Whether Ferrier's deeds outshine or are outshone by Ivo Whitton's amazing record while in his teens cannot, of course, be equitably gauged, but at 19, Whitton had won the open championship twice. He had such phenomenal success in competitions that his handicap was plus eight. On the same basis Ferrier's handicap would be plus six."

BAER AND CARNERA TO MEET AGAIN

Elimination Contest Suggested.

New York, June 29. Max Baer, the world's heavyweight champion, has received several fight offers since he won the title from Primo Carnera.

Chicago is among the latest bidders, and it has been suggested that Baer should defend his title this year in the grounds of the Chicago Exhibition.

It is now unlikely that Baer and Carnera will meet again in the autumn. Baer is willing to fight the Italian if the public would like to see him "belly-flop around again," as he put it.

He suggested, however, that an elimination contest should be staged during the coming months, the winner to meet him next June.—Reuters.

succession.

The storm drove the players to shelter. When it was possible to resume the German girl clinched the match.

Franklin Horn has had some experience of British grass courts. She won the Midland championship at Birmingham two years ago. She afterwards she faded right out of the picture, losing ten games in car concentrate all the time.

SHANGHAI'S GOLF PRODIGY

Jim Ferrier Wins Three Title

CLEAN SWEEP IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian papers once again are full of the doings of Jim Ferrier, a former Shanghai boy and the son of a one-time Shanghai golf champion. Young Ferrier, who is not yet of age, for several years has been amazing the Australian golfing public with his achievements. He having collected a most formidable list of championships and records.

Now he has capped all by winning within one month one of the most coveted amateur trophies and all the three Queensland championships—the open, the amateur, and (in partnership) the foursomes—equaling one record and breaking another whilst so doing.

These performances led one paper to put Ferrier in its gallery of athletic celebrities, in the following terms:

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INDIAN SOCCER TEAM.

Another Victory In S. Africa.

Bombay, July 5. At Capetown the All-India team beat Western Province by 3 goals to 1.

France won the foursomes by 2 games to 1, but lost the singles by 4 to 1, with one game halved.—Reuters.

COTTON'S PERFECT PERFORMANCE

BOBBY JONES'S TRIBUTE.

"As Well I'm At Home!"

Bobby Jones three times winner of the British Open Championship since the war, speaking about Cotton's triumph in the same championship, said:

"It is hard to believe. It must have been a perfect performance. But Cotton had it coming to him after the superb game he has shown since the championship started."

"I well remember the trickiness of the Sandwich course. I could never break 70.

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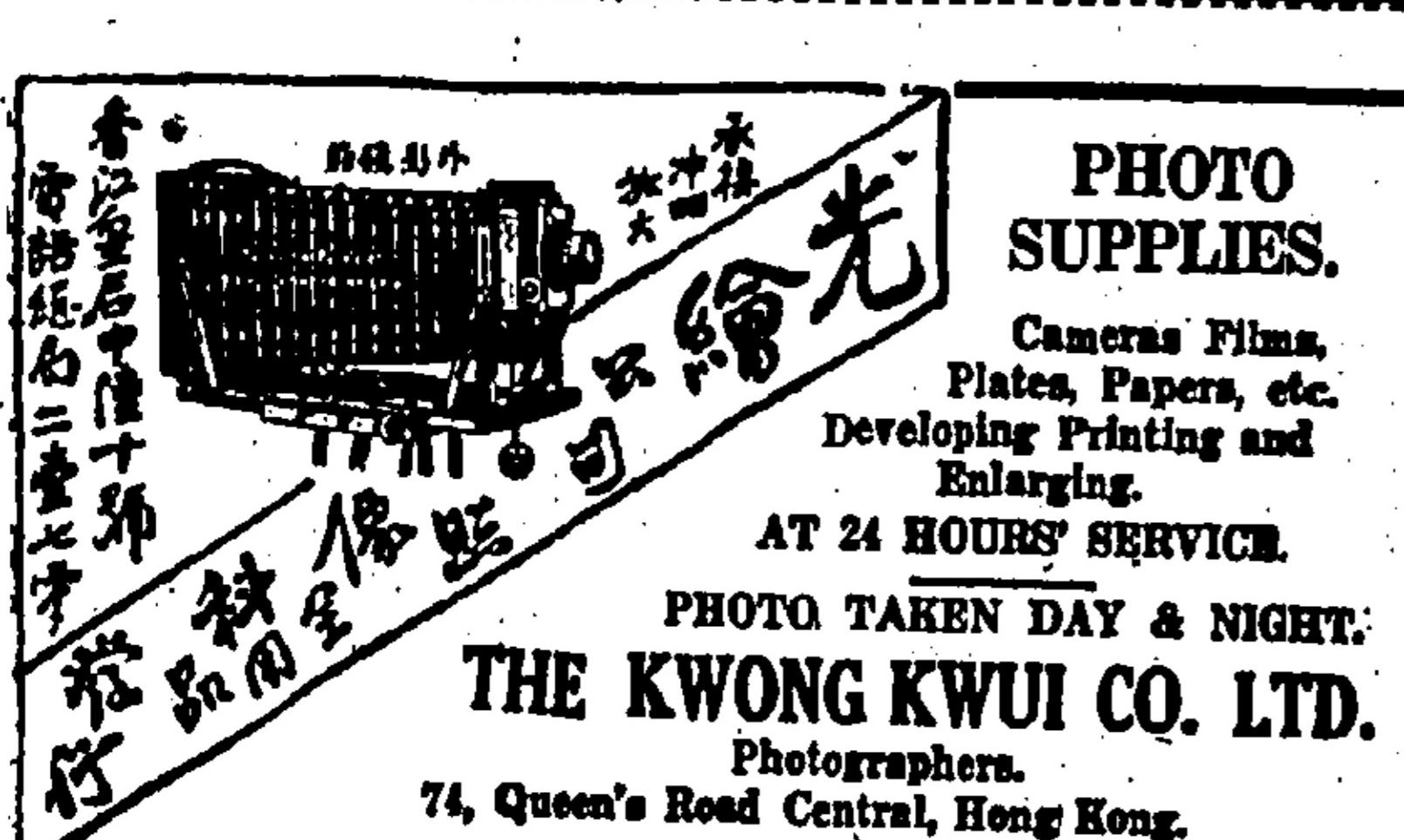
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LITERARY NOTES

LAST DAYS OF RASPUTIN

When His Daughter Hid His Boots.

ATTEMPT TO KEEP HIM AT HOME

How Rasputin's two daughters hid his boots to prevent him going out on the night he was killed, is told by one of them, Maria Rasputin, in her book "My Father," which was published recently. (Cassell '34).

"Several times, she says, she had been warned to be on his guard, but, in order to avoid being followed by the police responsible for his safety, he went out preferably at night.

On the night of his death, she continues, in order to force him to stay at home.

"My sister (Varvara) and I had hidden his boots before we went to bed at about ten o'clock . . . My father said us 'Good-night!' . . . We asked him if he intended to go out that night. He replied off-handedly that he was invited to Youssopoff's.

"At about midnight the bell of the door of the servants' quarters rang out, announcing some caller. The faithful Katia (a servant) had to help my father find his boots. 'It's those children again, they have hidden them. They don't want me to go out,' he said to his visitor whom he then followed out . . ."

The writer, who states that she is earning her living as a trainer of wild animals, announces her desire to consecrate her life to the task of revealing her father's true personality and character.

"Pence Letter" to Tsar.

What she describes as "the last letter that my father wrote to Nicholas II, before the declaration of war" in 1914, begins with the words "My Friend," and shows Rasputin urging the Tsar to do all in his power to avoid war:

"I know that all desire war of you, even the most faithful; they do not see that they rush towards the abyss . . . You are the Tsar, the Father of our people. Do not let them throw themselves and us into the abyss. Perhaps we will conquer Germany, but what will become of Russia? . . ."

The continual antagonism and hatred with which Rasputin was surrounded, his daughter writes, influenced his character, and to obtain relaxation and calm, he began to drink.

"Everything pushed him towards it. Society in St. Petersburg was notoriously intemperate and truly, if there is anything to be astonished at, it is that a simple peasant, suddenly transplanted into such surroundings of luxury and intemperance, should have resisted so long . . ."

To the question whether Rasputin had any love intrigues, his daughter answers:

"Surrounded by pretty, elegant, seductive women, it may be that he fell to temptation. Efforts were even made . . . to compromise him by placing in his path women charged with seducing him in order to bring about his ruin. . . . I only know that he was always an affectionate husband to my mother, that she adored him and was never jealous, having perfect confidence in him; and that he was a good father to us."

IF SERAJEVO HAD NOT HAPPENED

Good Theme Poorly Handled.

No Poppies in Flanders. By George C. Foster. (Over Nicholson and Watson, 7s. 6d.)

The main idea of "No Poppies in Flanders" is so good that it is depressing to have to record that it is inadequately handled. Mr. Foster boldly kills off in his first chapter Lenin, Trotsky and Principe, before this last has had his opportunity of murdering the Archduke at Serajevo and so precipitating the Great War. What would have happened during the next twenty years of European history?

The answer is not beyond speculation and Mr. Foster makes an intelligent shot at reconstructing



Carrying her son, Buzzie, in her arms, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall, daughter of United States President, is pictured leaving the train at Truckee, Cal., escorted by Attorney Sam Platt, en route to Lake Tahoe, Nev., where she has taken up residence at the home of Mrs. E. A. Vallis, below, preparatory to seeking a divorce from Curtis Dall, New York and Chicago broker.

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Entertaining Stories Of The Service.

AN AMUSING PICTURE

Stacked Cards. By Dare Phillips. (A. F. (John Long, 12s. 6d.)

It is a cheerful and amusing picture that the author paints in this account of the lighter side of life in the Air Force, though he has a slight lapse into something like gloom over the Air Pageant at Hendon, in which he finds a gladiatorial aspect.

"One day there will be a nasty accident. An aircraft will crash in the crowd and kill a few dozen of the closely-packed multitude. Then, perhaps, they will cry stop."

Flying Officer Hurren tells some entertaining stories not only of his own arm, but of the Navy and the Army, to both of which he has been attached in the course of his duties. One is of a sergeant who was instructing a party of cadets in the correct burial drill.

"On the command 'Fix,' he said in stentorian tones, 'the right' and man of the front rank will not, I said Not, take three paces forward, and for why, because if he did 'e'd fall right into the grave and break his flaming neck. Stop larfing in the rear rank, Mr. Fletcher, and that brings me to another point. The cortège will proceed in a stately and orderly fashion."

The party will assume 'appy yet sorrowful countenances . . . 'appy because their late lamented comrade 'as departed to 'appy lands, and sorrowful because 'as gone without paying 'is mess bill.'

Some curious "Tesl" cricket methods at Corfu are recorded as the fruit of a Mediterranean cruise:

"They always beat the visiting English sides, and they employ a fine technique. The opponents are always allowed to win the toss and their bowlers achieve remarkable success. When it becomes their turn to bat they are careful to take up the matting and remove the stones that were previously placed there. What price body-line bowling compared with that?"

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NEW SHORT STORY COLLECTION.

G. B. Stern Book.

Pelican Walking. By G. B. Stern. (Harrington, 7s. 6d.)

This is a collection of short stories. They are of unequal merit. Some, such as "A Nectarine Life," are good; others, like "Grand Inquisitor," are hardly worth preserving. But Mrs. Stern is always skillful at putting over.

RONALD FIRBANK'S LAST WORK

Delicate And Witty Volume.

"THE ARTIFICIAL PRINCESS"

Ronald Firbank is an arresting figure. Most people who were born before 1900 belong to a bygone age. The odd thing about Ronald Firbank was that he belonged to two bygone ages. Emotionally, he belonged to the Beardsley period, whereas intellectually he belonged to the Silvert period. He managed, in his strange fashion, to fuse "Wheels" with "Under the Hill." He managed, in his strange fashion, to the fantastic and the ordinary. It is this which gives such vitality to his archaic style.

Firbank possessed a talent at the same time undulating and incisive. Being a shy man with acute instincts, he indulged in innuendo. It was not the demure innuendo of Samuel Butler, nor yet the hearty innuendo of Norman Douglas; it was a baroque type of innuendo. He dealt in porcelain hints. Yet, in his own medium he was almost a supreme artist. His posthumous work, "The Artificial Princess" (Duckworth, 6s), shows him at his best.

Note-Book Style.

Sir Coleridge Kennard has written an introduction to this fragile little book. Anything which can tempt Sir Coleridge into print has fulfilled its function. Admirers of "Public Gardens" or "Subal" will welcome this introduction, which, as was to be expected, is humane and sharp.

He discloses that Firbank wrote on a system of detached notes, a system which Proust regarded as the last infirmity of noble minds. A phrase, however lovely it may be, which is inserted artificially must often carry with it a faint breath of decay; when there are several of such preserved phrases fitted into a continuous book the whole work has a dead flavour. It is merely the impulsive, the almost boyish, element in Firbank which prevented his work from becoming stagnant.

A certain immortality always attaches to writers who art inspired by one period and forecast another. Ronald Firbank, even today, is regarded in America as an important literary figure. As a specimen of all that is most delicate and witty in Ronald Firbank this "Artificial Princess" could scarcely be surpassed. Yet would any serious reader, however fascinated he may momentarily be by the cackulations of Ronald Firbank, contend that he is anything more than a literary curiosity?

Had he lived longer he would certainly have written something of lasting value; his talent, however variable, was authentic and unexpectedly wise; yet he died while still in his experimental period; he achieved several brilliant improvisations on the theme of Beardsley in plus-fours; and brilliance is an evanescent quality.

CHARMING CHINESE POET

Autobiography Of Tu Fu.

Travels of a Chinese Poet, Vol. II, A.D. 759-770, by Florence Ayscough (Cape, 21s.). — The Chinese regard Tu Fu as one of their greatest poets, and his verses, chronologically arranged, and linked with brief notes by Miss Ayscough, constitute a charming autobiography. In the period covered by this volume he was the "guest of rivers and lakes"—a wanderer, withdrawn from official life, in which he had earned the reputation of being completely incorruptible.

Everything interested him in his travels. When he came to Kuai, the City of the Three-legged Monster, he noticed not only the "triumphant vise" but the method of procuring water. He writes:—

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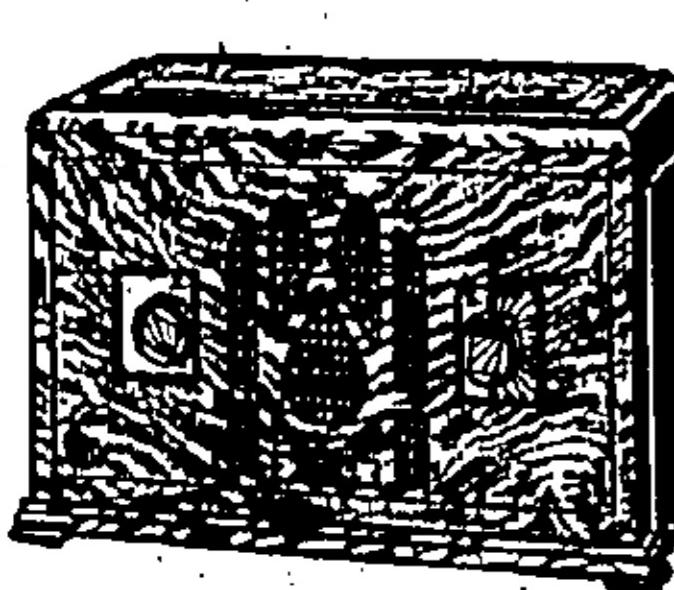
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Joseph Gould desires to convey his grateful thanks to the many expressions of sympathy in his bereavement; and, for the attendance at the funeral.

the "spearhead" of the Navy. But the total of aeroplanes in the present naval air arm is only 170—a sorry contrast with the 1,587 machines which the American Navy will possess when the programme of 375 voted last year is complete.

The increases provided for in the Estimates of this year, are a step in the right direction. Any programme that would enable us to recover the ground voluntarily sacrificed in a sincere effort to promote peace must necessarily be on a large scale, looking ahead for several years. New squadrons require land and buildings; they must be manned efficiently; and the machines themselves are not built in a day. The attention given by the Government to this matter has resulted in plans adequate to the need will be welcomed, as resolving doubts for the future.

Anglo-French Trade—A Clean Slate.

The Anglo-French trade agreement offers grounds for satisfaction. All that has so far been done is to clean the slate. The French Government has restored the British quotas which it reduced, and the British Government undertakes, in return, to withdraw the higher duties against French goods imposed as a retaliatory measure. Both countries thus get back to conditions that present a favourable atmosphere for further negotiations. To that extent the announcement made by the Foreign Office wears a cheering aspect.

Any final judgment must be based on the terms of the new trade treaty to replace that of 1882. This has yet to be negotiated, and its preparation will be the subject of probably lengthy diplomatic exchanges.

In the meantime trade can be carried on as it was before France revised quotas to the disadvantage of Britain, although the exact terms of the provisional arrangement are not made public. To get back to the old position is a measure of gain, for the exchange of goods between the two countries has been steadily dwindling to the benefit of neither. Statesmanship has obtained its chance to open wider the gates on both sides of the Channel for mutual benefit.

NEW GUINEA GOLD

Rabaul. The Morobe goldfields warden's April report states that bullion exported in April amounted to 26,843 ounces valued at \$151,886. It was the highest monthly value reached since gold-mining started in New Guinea. The value of gold exported during the last 10 months was \$1,125,889. — Reuters.

HERE, THERE
and
EVERWHERE

FREE BEER

London's ale-conners were elected on June 25.

The office is believed to date from the reign of William the Conqueror. As long ago as 1887 its abolition was being discussed.

There are four of them, and each of them receives £10 a year. They used to visit London inns and taste the beer. If their verdict was favourable, they drew from £1. to 2s. 6d. from each house they visited.

They now have no official duties, but recently the conner attended at the Red Lion Brewery near the Tower.

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DOING THE EMPIRE

In October of this year the people of Victoria will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers.

The Overseas League, in conjunction with its affiliated society, the British National Union, is forming a large Empire delegation to attend the Melbourne celebrations.

Advantage will be taken of this opportunity to make the voyage into a world tour of the Empire.

The route to Australia from England will be by way of Canada, Honolulu, Fiji, and New Zealand, with stops to visit the chief cities and sights in these countries. The voyage home will take in Ceylon and India.

The delegation will leave Liverpool on August 24 and return on November 30.

The Overseas League claims with some justice, that this is a far more valuable Empire gesture than the exchange of pompous messages of good will by cable.

Your Daily Smile!

"Man," said the woman sternly, "will wake up one morning and find that the world is being ruled by women."

"Um," sneered his husband, "just like a woman, that."

"What's just like a woman?" she demanded.

"Why," he answered deliberately, "to take advantage of a man when he sleeps."

Aunt Agatha Again

She sent my young nephew a copy of "Tom Bowling," because she knew he was so keen on cricket.

Cover Charge

Waiter: "Would you mind settling your bill, sir? We're closing now."

Patron: "But, hang it all, I haven't been served yet."

"Well, in that case, there'll only be the cover charge."

Aberdeen Birthday Card

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Going and Coming

"Your closing sale has closed. What now?"

"Our closing sale opens."

PERILS OF THE DEEP

"A wireless talk, broadcast from America could be heard at the bottom of the North Sea."

"To look really smart a man should wear a monocle and carry one glove," declares a fashion writer. What about a spat?

At Tea With The Tipplers

"If I let the boys hug me in the walls, walls, that's my business."

"Well, how's business?"

Facts You Did Not Know

To prevent waste of matches only one can be obtained at a time from a new container intended to be hung on a wall and operated by pressing a lever.

A compression chamber to be lowered into the water has been developed by the British navy to enable divers to go to greater depths than heretofore.

For protecting young trees from a metal cone has been invented to be placed around their trunks, the air it contains being warmed with a candle.

A Parisian has invented an attachment for standard plates with which a person whose arrest is sought is knocked out by a blast of air but not wounded.

The defendant was discharged.

WHERE KNIFE AND GUN ARE LAW

CATTLE STEALING ON MEXICO'S BORDER
STRANGER THAN FICTION

(By Dolores Del Castro, The Mexican Cowgirl.)

I HAVE READ scores of tales dealing with the life of the cowboys and cowgirls of Mexico and the Mexican borders, but never yet have I found anything in fiction to compare with real life.

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STARHEMBERG AUSTRIA'S VICE CHANCELLOR

Barely 35 When He
Stepped Into Breach.

REGENCY RUMOURS

Barely 35 years old, Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg, who is Vice-Chancellor in the new Austrian Cabinet, became the youngest head of a European government when he succeeded to the leadership of the Austrian government following the assassination of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss.

For the upkeep of the Heimwehr, the Fascist military organisation, which has been the main support of the Dollfuss government, the tall young aristocrat has spent a huge fortune. He is the head of the organisation, which numbers some 250,000.

It was the Heimwehr, who are more often led by Major Emil Fey, Prince von Starhemberg's chief Lieutenant, who crushed the Socialist revolt in Vienna in February.

Starhemberg was born in 1899 in Eferding, Upper Austria. He studied at the Universities of Innsbruck and Munich, fought as a youngster in the post-war clashes in Upper Silesia, and for some years was close to the Hitler movement.

Opponent To Hitler.

In recent Austrian history he has figured, as now, as a bitter opponent of Hitler, but because of his earlier attitude and because of the general trend of the Heimwehr movement, rumours have arisen in the past that he and the Nazis had reached an agreement.

Now he is directing the fight to prevent Nazi control of Austria, and is credited with close sympathy with Italy's Fascism.

Other rumours that have been hard to suppress are those in which Starhemberg figures as the forthcoming regent of Austria, regent of a kingless kingdom which some day may again become a Hapsburg monarchy.

Sai In Parliament.

Although Starhemberg has devoted his energy to the destruction of parliamentary government, he once sat in parliament and for three months in 1930 was Minister of Interior before Dollfuss became Premier.

His mother, Princess Starhemberg, was still an executive of the Christian Socialist (Dollfuss) party when her tall, impetuous son was succeeding in his efforts to throw all political parties into the historical ashcan.

In casual conversation the Prince exhibits a boyish, friendly shy personality, just the type of young aristocrat who appeals to democrats. Yet he was a relentless foe of the democratic administration of Socialist Vienna.

DERELICT JUNK OFF DEAL

Tragedy Revealed On
English Coast.

OWNERSHIP MYSTERY

A tragedy of the sea is believed to be revealed by the discovery of an empty boat, built on the lines of a Chinese Junk, which was found waterlogged and badly damaged in Sandwich Bay, near the mouth of the Stour, on June 29.

The boat, named Shui Ting, and parts of the wreckage, bear Chinese inscriptions.

No boat by the name has been reported missing, but a report was received at the coastguard station on June 30 that some French sailors had seen a vessel of similar type in mid-Channel the day before.

From this it is presumed that an attempt was being made by the occupants to cross the Channel secretly, but failing further confirmation of that theory the finding of the boat and its ownership remain a mystery.

It is possible that it may have been cut adrift from a pleasure boat or have been lost by a Chinese vessel.

Painted white, it is about 10 ft long, and will accommodate six people. The stern is missing, and apart from the name, there are no other marks of identification.

It was first seen by two local anglers who were fishing in the bay.



Finland that astounded Americans by paying promptly its share of war debts when most of the world defaulted, has been doing startling things for decades. It maintained its national life for centuries while a subject nation. After it declared its independence from Russia in 1917 and set up a republic, Finland, relatively a poor land, has built up a flourishing national wealth through the export of vast quantities of paper pulp and lumber. Like the United States, Finland experienced a disastrous time with national prohibition until wiser counsel terminated the experiment two years ago.

CHINA HOTTEST SPELL

Drought And Burned
Up Crops.

FAMINE SPECTRE

Shanghai. The past weeks have brought the hottest weather China has experienced in more years than hardly anybody in this scorched nation knows.

The Catholic mission observatory here which does most of the weather recording for this part of the world says its records go back for more than 60 years and at no time during that long period has the temperature reached that recorded in various parts of China during June and July.

Sian, capital of Shansi province, reported 112 degrees in the shade while many other places varied from 128 to 110 degrees for similar readings.

Shanghai, never exactly a summer resort, set up a reading of 104.4, which the Catholic weather experts said was record for this locality as far as they knew.

Temperatures on Shanghai streets and on those of many other China cities went as high as 140 degrees above zero. The Catholic weather men, however, said those could not be considered "official."

Winter Suffering Ahead

More serious than the causing discomfort that this is Chinese and foreigners alike in Shanghai is the toll in human life that is being taken in the interior and the economic loss. Rains have been few and far between. The result is drought and burned up crops. Behind these loom the spectre of famine and more suffering and death during the coming winter.

Crops have been reduced to but a fraction of their normal yield. Foodstuffs have jumped in price beyond the reach of the peasant and in many localities there is simply no grain to be had at any price. How these folk will fare when the cold winds begin to sweep China's great inland plains later in the year does not constitute a pleasant picture.

While the greater part of the country this summer suffered heat and drought the northwest provinces experienced losses from floods coming from the mountains still further west on the continent.—Associated Press.

The petition for the winding up of the British Film Distributing Company Ltd., which was scheduled to be heard before the Court to-day, was adjourned by the Chief Justice Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning, owing to the Criminal Sessions. The petition will be heard on Wednesday morning.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police.

Chinese Company

Strength. The following have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from 11th July, 1934:—

Constables R37 Hon Pak Chung, R83 Young Shou Te and R78 James Ko.

Leave. Sub-Inspector (R) Tani Kwing Kong has resumed duty in charge of No. 1 Platoon, as from 11th July, 1934.

Sub-Inspector (R) David Loie and Crown Sergeant R87 Wong Chung have been granted 10 days' leave, as from 24th July, 1934.

During the absence on leave of Lance Sergeant R30 Thong Po Wing, Lance Sergeant R89 Ts'o Fuk On has been appointed to take charge of No. 8 Squad in addition to his ordinary duties, as from 17th July, 1934 until further notice.

Training Course—Part II. The following members have been passed out as efficient in Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duty and Regulation):—

Constables R1 Harry Lau, R2 Luke Ho, R3 Luke Ying Choi and R19 Joseph C. K. Wong.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, July 31, at 17.30 hours for instruction.

Indian Company

Strength. Constable R240 Ghulam Hussain has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company, as from 16th July, 1934.

Constable R240 K. Sohan Singh has been permitted to resign from the Indian Company, as from 13th July, 1934.

Constable R293 S. L. M. Salabu Din is dismissed from the Indian Company, as from 13th July, 1934.

Training Course—Part II. All recruits of the Indian Company residing at Kowloon will attend 4, Chi Woo Street, Kowloon on Wednesday, August 1 at 17.30 hours for instruction.

All recruits of the Indian Company residing at Hong Kong will attend Chinese Company Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, August 2 at 17.30 hours for instruction.

Flying Squid

Training Course—Part II. Constable R326 Cheung King Chow has been passed out as efficient in Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duty and Regulation).

Emergency Unit Reserve

General Meeting. A General Meeting for members of the Emergency Unit Reserve will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, August 3 at 17.30 hours. All members will attend. D.S.P. (R) will be present.

Champkin

Acting D. S. P. (R). Hong Kong, Monday, July 30, 1934.

To-day's Short Story.

BLIND

By Douglas
Boyd.

IN the village of Peverel lived song-thrush, Matthew? His wings and his back are brown, and his yellow breast is covered with little dark brown spots. He is a sweet little bird, and one of our finest singers." Or: "Do you hear that, Matthew? That's a bullfinch. He has a head like velvet, a deep rich black. He lives among the trees, but when the fruit trees in the gardens and in the orchards begin to show flower-buds he comes out and eats them."

It appeared that his affliction never troubled him. He went up and down the street with a curious sliding tread that gave no perceptible jerk to his erect body, and he had a certainty of movement that amazed those who knew little about him. He never walked into an obstacle; and if anyone turned aside to get out of his way, he would shake his stick and say, with a loud laugh: "Now, then, I see you—I see you—" and would step off the path out of their way, and they would look after him and wonder.

He had a companion, one Matthew Blanch, who also was blind. Matthew, however, wasn't so sure of himself. But that didn't matter, said Jonathan Flynn, because he could see—hal! yes, he could see for both of them; and he would walk up to Matthew's cottage and say:

"Coming out for a walk, Matthew?" And Matthew would answer: "Yes, Jonathan;" and together they would stroll along the narrow, leafy lanes, bordered on both sides with hawthorn hedges and oak and ash and elm trees, and where it was so cool and so quiet; or walk over the green fields with the sun warm upon their sightless faces.

When they heard a sparrow singing on the boughs of the trees, or fluttering in the hedges, Jonathan would say:

"Listen, Matthew. That's a song-thrush. Do you know the

97 SILVER INGOTS UNMANIFESTED.

Under Seaman's Bunk.

A fine of \$100, in default two months' hard labour, was imposed on Sze Wai-min, a 44-year-old seaman on board the s.s. "Hai Sang," by Mr. W. M. Thomson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for importing 97 silver ingots, valued at \$1,500, unmanifested into the Colony.

Revenue-Officer A. W. Grimmett stated that the boat came to Hong Kong from Tsingtao and that the silver was discovered under accused's bunk.

But everyone in the village had, it seemed, some family connection with someone else in every other village in the neighbourhood, and his reputation for being able to see things he could not see was tossed hither and thither like a falling leaf in a boisterous wind. His name became a byword, not only among those with whom he was acquainted, but also among those of whom he had never heard; and it so happened that one day he met a man who not only could see, but who, being thus gifted, felt it incumbent on him to let others share his good fortune.

The sun was falling behind the distant hills. All day it had shone upon the parched land, burning up the freshness of the grass, leaving it so coarse and dry that the sheep lined the hedgerows, where the ground was sheltered and the grass more green. The path, which was brown and hard, threaded its way through the fields until it climbed the sudden steepness of Colloway Hill, where it twisted and turned like a brown snake among the scattered gorse.

The hedges, their withered leaves as crisp as paper, were like dark, uneven walls. Tall nettles grew against them, hiding the ditches which were choked with scrag wood and the dead, brown leaves of the last autumn.

"I hear someone coming," said Matthew.

A voice was singing cheerfully behind them, but as he spoke it stopped, and nothing was heard but the sound of feet upon the path.

"I do not know that voice. He is a stranger," said Jonathan. "I know every one of the nine hundred voices in the village," he added.

They went on slowly and in silence towards the next gate, and as they reached it again the voice broke upon their ears, but this time loudly:

"Allow me to open the gate for you."

Matthew turned with a smile and said: "Thank you very much."

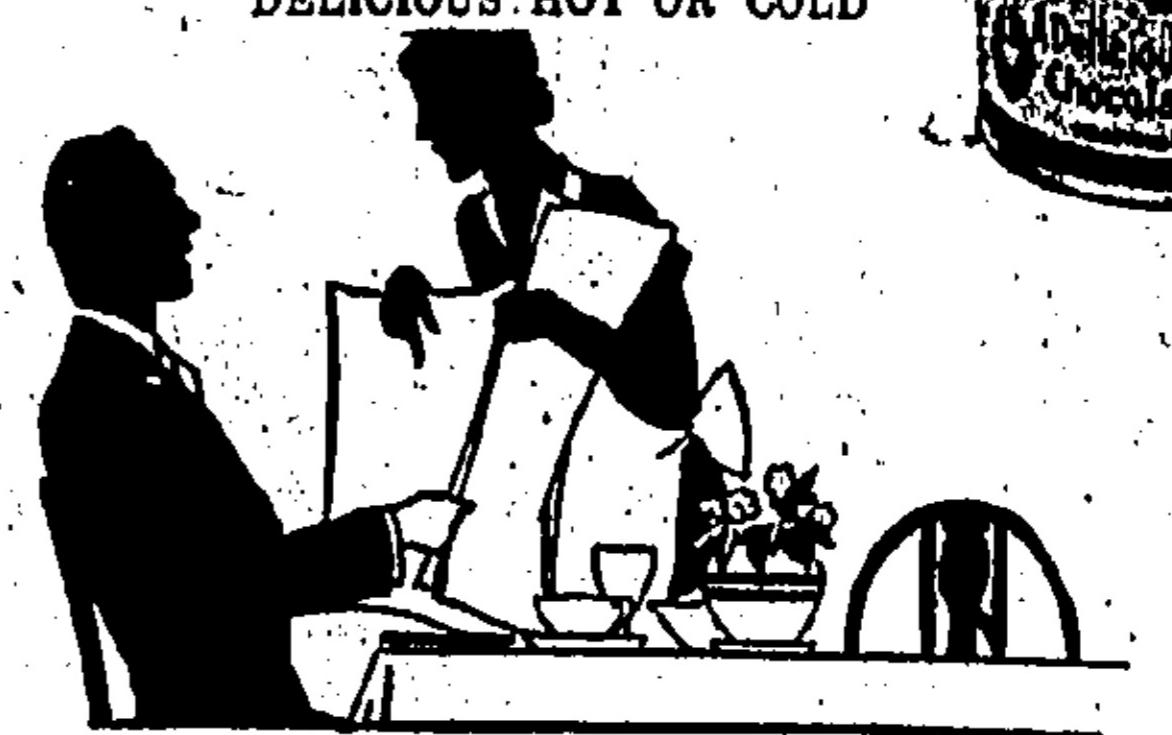
"Glad to be of assistance, Matthew. You know, Matt was born to help his fellow-men, and what better opportunity has he than to aid those who cannot see."

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PAINTERS MEETING THE CRISIS

Ingenious Methods Of Paris Artists.

PICTURES FOR BARTER

Paris. Paris artists, who owing to the "crisis" have fallen on hard times, have hit on an ingenious method of disposing of their pictures.

They have invited the public to subscribe 10/- a month to an "Art Society." At the end of the month all the subscribers' tickets are put in a hat and the first one drawn out receives a picture.

Another group of artists is doing well with its "Exchange Exhibition" which has been running for some years. All the pictures exhibited are offered not for sale but for barter—though hard cash, if offered, would not be refused.

At this "Exhibition" a baker has acquired what he hopes will in time be an "Old Master" by supplying the painter with a loaf of bread daily for a year. A tailor has parted with a suit of clothes in exchange for a picture, and a barber, by virtue of free shaves and haircuts for a year, is now a patron of the arts.—Reuter.

A GOOD TURN NOT FORGOTTEN.

Grateful Sportsman's Donation.

Some years ago, meeting a man who was unemployed and miserable Mr. H. Matthews, secretary of the Balmain Rugby League Club, secured him a pass for a League match to while away what would have been just another dreary Saturday afternoon.

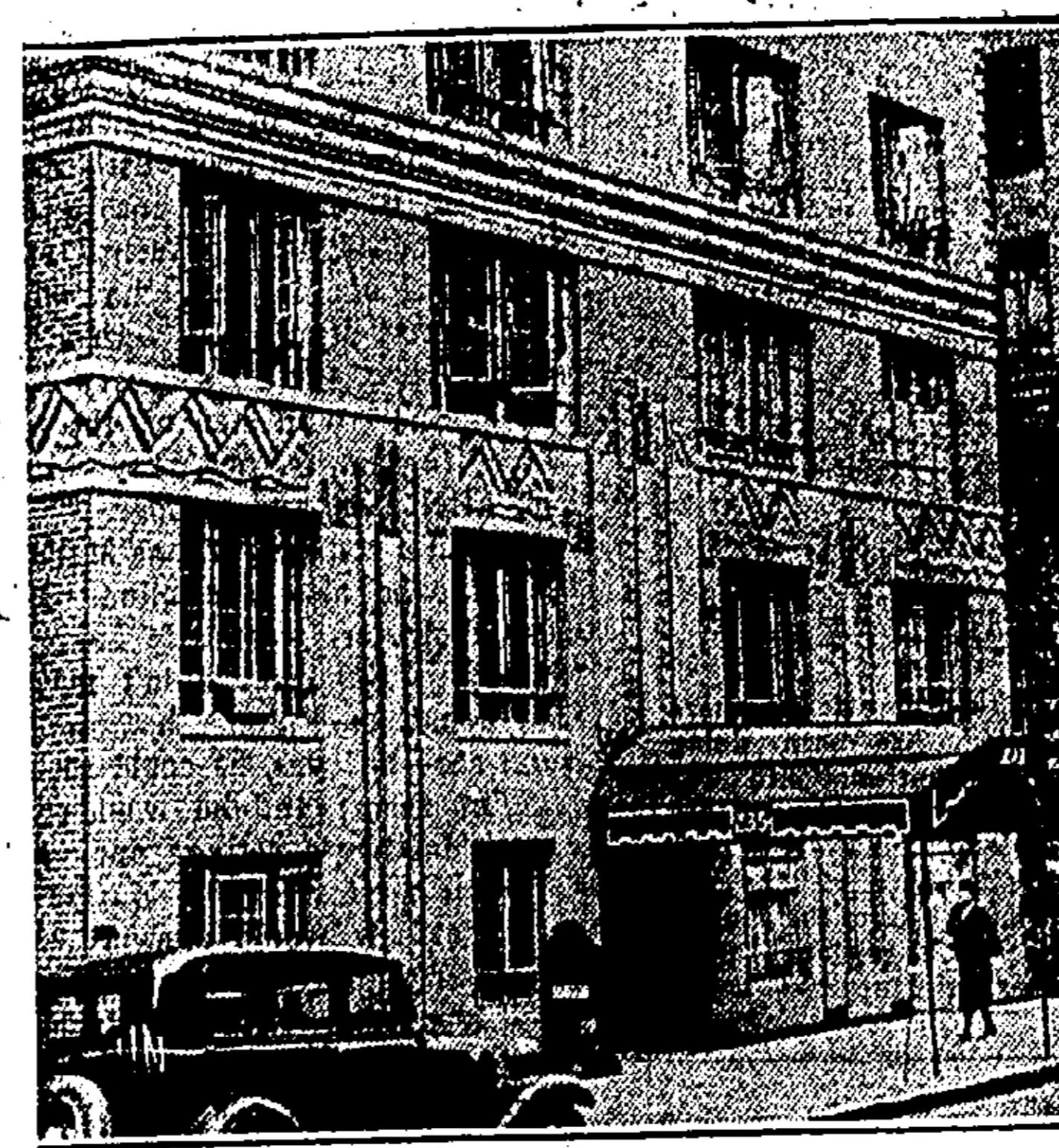
Shortly afterwards, the befriended man secured a good position with a firm in New Guinea. He immediately despatched £1.10. towards the funds of the Balmain Club. Regularly each year the guinea arrives, this year's donation having recently been received.—Reuter.

AIRWOMAN ENTERS CONVENT.

Parachute Record Holder.

Miss Smaranda Braesco, Romania's most famous airwoman, has entered a convent to prepare herself for work as a missionary in the Far East.

Miss Braesco once jumped with a parachute from an aeroplane from a height of nearly 28,000 feet, which is claimed to be a world's record for women.—Reuter.



Capt. Ivan Poderaj is shown in the radio-picture at right as he appeared under arrest in Vienna in connection with the mysterious disappearance of his bride, the former Miss Agnes C. Tuverson, New York and Detroit lawyer (left). Capt. Poderaj married Miss Tuverson in New York and went to live at her apartment in the building shown below. Shortly after she disappeared and he sailed for Europe alone. Investigation showed that Capt. Poderaj, Yugoslav adventurer, was married at the time he made Miss Tuverson his bride.

BLIND

(Continued from Page 9.)

"You are a stranger to us" said Jonathan, "but you seem to know who we are."

"Who has not heard of Jonathan Flynn?" replied the other, with a slight irony; "the man who is blind—and Jonathan has taught me how to use it. When I am not quite sure of my path, or walking along one which is new to me, he leads me."

"Ah!" said Jonathan, looking pleased.

"If our path is in the same direction, may I go with you?"

"With pleasure. We are going through Calloway's Covert, down the other side of the hill, and then round to the village. It is a delightful walk."

"Good. I may be of some service to you."

"We need no assistance. You know," said Jonathan, "some people imagine that we are as helpless as kittens."

"But, surely—"

"You have but to observe that, although our steps seem casual, they are made with certainty, to realize how unnecessary that assistance is."

"I am not so sure of my movements, Jonathan," said Matthew;

and then turning his sightless eyes to the stranger, continued: "You see, I lost my sight when I was quite young. Nothing could arrest the disease which affected my eyes. Gradually I became quite blind. Everything with which I was so familiar, faces of those who were so dear to me, became blurred, then nearly indistinguishable, and were finally lost in darkness—darkness which at first frightened me."

"A world in which you began to miss things you sought and to blunder into the things you wished to avoid," said the stranger.

"But, a world—" began Jonathan.

"Yes," went on Matthew. "At first my life was a torture. Eight o'clock, midnight, the early hours of the morning—they were all the same to me. I went to bed when I felt tired—In darkness—I laid my head upon the pillow and found rest in sleep; and when the sounds of the morning aroused me, I awoke to find myself in that same darkness. With the day came fear. It was as if a thousand little demons were in attendance upon me all the time, seeking at unexpected moments to jar a thousand little nerves with a thousand disappointments."

"What a relief a guiding hand at your elbow must have been," said the stranger; and, first opening the gate to the next field, he took the two men by their arms and led them to the ridge of a dull yellow ridge which dips the distant hills. The ridge of dull yellow is spreading from behind the wooded hill-tops like a great arc of light—a lurid, streaky yellow, which the earth and all that grows upon it seem to reflect."

"They are black clouds," repeated the other. "And—yes, there on the horizon are signs of a coming storm, a full yellow ridge which dips the distant hills. The ridge of dull yellow is spreading from behind the wooded hill-tops like a great arc of light—a lurid, streaky yellow, which the earth and all that grows upon it seem to reflect."

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TILAWA	10,000	21st Sept.	Anoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
SIRDHANA	8,000	24th Sept.	Anoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,000	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
BANGALORE	6,000	5th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	19,000	6th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	8,000	7th Sept.	Anoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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U.S. Playing "Good Neighbour" Role In Abrogating Platt Amendment



One, Gen. Augusto Sandino, recently assassinated; two, U.S. marines in Nicaragua; three, Cuba's capitol; four, President Roosevelt.

By HENRY MARTINEZ

HAVANA, Cuba . . . — (I.I.N.)— When President Franklin D. Roosevelt scratched his signature to the document abrogating the Platt amendment of 1901, it marked a momentous step in the new diplomatic relationship between the United States and the Latin-American nations.

For Cuba it marked liberation from the "Colossus of the North," as the United States is termed by resentful South American patriots, to the fulfillment of the Roosevelt doctrine of non-intervention, enunciated before the Montevideo congress early this year by Secretary of State Cordell B. Hull. Only the right to maintain a naval base was reserved.

The new "dollar diplomacy" of the United States was first put into practice in 1905 when Theodore Roosevelt appointed a financial adviser for the Dominican Republic. In 1916, marines were dispatched and the island virtually brought under American naval control which ended in 1924.

Nicaragua's Revolt

Resentment smoldered in Nicaragua after 23 years of intervention, bairn" role.

Last December, President Franklin Roosevelt completely struck a new chord when he stated that henceforth, the American people wished merely to play the role of "good neighbour."

Now with the abrogation of the Platt amendment, projected liberation of the Philippines, America is making good its Rooseveltian "good neighbour" role.

strike the gorse bushes with his stick, turning now to the right of this one, now to the left of that one, his lips moving as inaudibly he counted his steps between them, until he reached the top where the brown path crept beneath a stile and vanished into the covert.

One after another they climbed over the stile. Jonathan once again taking Matthew's arm, they went into the woods.

Here the air was cool and refreshing. The grass was fresh and green, and the moss-covered path was like a long green cushion, soft beneath their tread. It was bordered on one side by a deep ditch, and on the other by an impenetrable thicket. Great trees stretched their long twisted branches, heavy with foliage over all, a canopy of brown and green. From the thicket rats peered at them with little beady eyes; rabbits scampered through the undergrowth; and in the deepened twilight sparrows, tom-tits, bullfinches and thrushes went from branch to branch and fluttered in the bushes.

"You will surely let me guide you through the covert," said the stranger.

"We do not require your assistance," replied Jonathan, sharply.

"There is a ditch beside the path."

"I know it."

"There are all these trees around you."

"I am aware of them. I do not need you to tell me where they are."

"Oh—well, I am sorry. I meant to be kind. I will hurry on."

"You forced your company upon us, just as now you thrust upon us your offer of assistance," went on Jonathan.

"If you do not want me, I will hurry on," said the stranger again.

"There is a ditch beside the path—which lay across his path, he went off with quick strides."

"You have assumed that I am incapable of looking after myself, and my friend," Jonathan, his anger rising, called after him; "that we are not safe unless we crawl about gingerly upon our hands and knees, like babies. You have amused yourself at our expense by contradiction everything we have said. You—"

Suddenly he uttered a loud cry, and the stranger, turning quickly, saw him trip over the fallen branch and go headlong into the ditch, dragging him with him.

"A rock," said Jonathan, shrugging his shoulders.

"It is a common black rock," said the stranger.

"A wood-pigeon," said Jonathan.

"It is a wood-pigeon," repeated Jonathan, stubbornly. "Its colours are soft and rich."

"It is a wood-pigeon," said the stranger.

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"Help! help!" cried Matthew, one hand pressing Jonathan's face into the soft earth, the other feeling for the bank.

Jonathan pulled Matthew's hair. "Get off me—get off me!" he screamed, and twisting his body, he reversed the position. With one knee in the pit of Matthew's stomach, he wrestled blindly with the blackthorn bushes which spread in confusion about the ditch. His hands and face torn by the sharp thorns, he climbed up the bank and stood there cursing.

"Where is my stick?" he shouted. "Where is my stick?" he screamed, and, twisting his body, he reversed the position. With one knee in the pit of Matthew's stomach, he wrestled blindly with the blackthorn bushes which spread in confusion about the ditch. His hands and face torn by the sharp thorns, he climbed up the bank and stood there cursing.

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GAMBLING TAX TO GO KWANGTUNG'S LATE DECREE.

LOSS TO GOVERNMENT

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Saturday.
All miscellaneous gambling taxes collected in the counties will be abolished after August 1, according to a notification circulated to-day by Mr. Au Fong-po, Provincial Commissioner of Finance, to the various county magistrates and tax collecting syndicates.

Syndicates which collect the taxes on behalf of the government pay a cash guarantee for this undertaking, and they will be refunded by income from the sugar monopoly. At the same time abolition of this tax means loss of government revenue, but the profit from the sugar monopoly will cover the deficit.

The Provincial Department of Finance intended to cancel these taxes sooner, but the uprising in Fukien last November adversely affected the revenues of Kwangtung, because it was mistakenly believed that the short-lived People's Revolutionary Government in Foochow was Communistic in nature. Then the depreciation of provincial bank notes followed and Government income shrank further.

In abolishing the gambling tax, the financial authorities count on the levy of a special protection tax and other legitimate rates in the near future.

MUNICIPAL NOTE RALLY IN CANTON NOW ACCEPTED AT 97 CENTS.

STABILISATION PLAN

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, Saturday.
After a depreciation of eight months, the notes of the Canton Municipal Bank are on the way to full recovery, being accepted to-day at 97 cents to the dollar.

Recently, the Canton Municipal Bank has received \$700,000 in notes as payments for various municipal charges and rates, and a further sum of \$500,000, also in municipal notes, as payment for land tax and cash security for electricity metres. This big amount is withdrawn from further circulation with the result that the notes are rising in value.

\$1,200,000 COLLECTED BACK
Altogether, about \$1,200,000 worth of municipal notes was collected back by the Canton Municipal Government. Furthermore, the Kwangtung Provincial Government and its subsidiary offices have consented to hold up for three months all municipal notes in their possession.

It was announced some time ago that the total amount of these notes on the market was only about \$1,000,000, but the amount received back so far has exceeded those figures and the actual sum still in circulation is about \$900,000.

The Canton Government is following the same principles as the Finance Department in stabilizing the provincial notes which have now achieved par value.

PEKING SHOOTING INCIDENT.

Woman Killed Outside Theatre.

A shooting brawl outside the Central Cinema Theatre, Peking, during the yesterday morning show, resulted in the death of a woman, and five men being wounded.

It was stated that three men fired several shots, the motive for which remains a mystery to the Peking police. The victims were rushed to the Peking Hospital where the woman died.

The Chinese film picture shown at the time was entitled "Life."

STARHEMBERG PASSED OVER

(Continued From Page 1)

Prince Starhemberg, leader of the Heimwehr (Fascists), in Vice-Chancellor, and Major Emil Fay, former Vice-Chancellor, becomes Minister of Interior. Herr Berger Waldenegg becomes Foreign Minister, a portfolio which Dr. Dollfuss held in his own Cabinet, while Dr. Karl Bureach continues as Finance Minister.

Dr. Schuschnigg is additionally Minister of Defence and Minister of Education, while Prince Starhemberg is additionally Minister of Security, giving him the responsibility of the gendarmerie and auxiliary forces.—Reuter.

A fine of \$50, in default one month's hard labour, was imposed on Li Shim, a shop boy, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the theft of a bundle of leather from No. 17 Lower Lascar Row.

NATIVE POLICY ATTACKED

Bitter Address In South Africa.

EX-CHIEF JUSTICE'S TIRADE

Cape Town.
A bitter attack on the Government's native policy was made by Sir James Rose-Innes, former Chief Justice of the Union, in an address at the annual meeting of the Cape branch of the Joint Council of Europeans and Bantus.

"The keynote of that policy, it is insisted, must be not liberty, but repression" he declared. "The natives are under no circumstances to form part of our polity. They are to be a people apart to whom privileges of citizenship are to be forever denied. They are to be segregated territorially, politically, economically, from the remainder of the population whom they outnumber by three to one.

"That this policy can be put into full operation is very doubtful: that the result would be disastrous to our country is absolutely certain. Yet we are told by the energetic and forceful Minister that it is the hallmark of the new South African culture. He regards it as necessary to the preservation of white civilisation.

"We are all agreed that, in the interests of black and white alike, the civilisation introduced by the white man must prevail in this country, but we think that it would best be preserved by including in its privileges, and enlisting in its defence, every class of inhabitant, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

"The Minister's policy is the negation of that ideal. He aims at the dominance of the white man, because he is white and the subservience of the black man because he is black. That is the policy of the top dog. It is at full blast in Mr. Pirow's ancestral home. What results there will be we do not yet know, but we cannot risk it here where the diversity of race is complicated by the clash of colour."—Reuter.

BORDERER UNFIT TO ATTEND COURT.

Repulse Bay Case Adjourning.

Private Robert Booth, of the South Wales Borderers, who was charged together with Privates John Roberts and Roy Horley with highway robbery on the Repulse Bay Road on June 15, was reported to be still ill in Victoria Gaol by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney-General, at the Criminal Sessions Supreme Court, this morning.

Addressing the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor, Mr. Fraser said that the medical officer in charge of Victoria Gaol had considered that Booth was still unfit to attend Court.

His Lordship adjourned the case until the next Criminal Sessions.

Privates John Roberts and Roy Horley pleaded guilty last Tuesday and were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

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